

PUT THE LOAFERS ALL TO WORK AND REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

A SITUATION fully as difficult of solution as was winning the war confronts America today. The main elements of the problem, as the editors have previously stated in these columns, are underproduction, too much speculative value and huge war made credits. Other elements are inflated currency and misplaced productive ability.

Because of misplaced power and nearly insolvent buyers abroad our production of necessities is low and prices higher than if Europe had something more than promises with which to pay. Europe is ready to promise any sum for what we are willing to sell her. In doing this she isn't taking sufficient thought about how she is to pay or whether she ever can pay. Consequently, lured by the big promises the American product goes to Europe frequently when it should remain here. And when we pay it is in money. But if we are to buy we must pay practically as much as Europe promises. This is not fair for several reasons. Among them are to be considered the discounts. The credit instrument given in return for goods must, of course, be negotiable. Somebody who can afford to hold the paper must discount it for the man who accepts it for his goods.

The difference, then, between the amount the European customers promise to pay and the amount which the American shipper gets in cash after the debentures are cashed represents the reward we are compelled to pay to speculation. In other words, it is the amount of excess the ultimate consumer pays because of the economic ignorance of statesmen and the rapacity of European people who expect to get everything they need without going through the slow and tedious process of working for it and by letting the next generation pay for it.

By doing two things America could hasten the decline of living costs here and speed the return of stability. First, she could muster her man power for industry and agriculture as she did for war—by a selective draft. Second, she could divert from Europe everything marketable here and which is not absolutely necessary to Europe's immediate social and physical welfare, excepting, perhaps, certain machinery she may need in the work of reconstruction. This would put both Europe and America to work and materially affect the cost of living favorably.

We have too many loafers in America. It is not altogether their fault. Many of them can't find jobs. An indifferent attitude toward industrial problems has caused us enough trouble. Some means of training men in trades and arts should be provided. Then pool hall loafers and men who work at non-essential jobs should be trained and put to work on the farm, in the factory or somewhere else in our system of production and distribution. But not in any sense of slavery. Their hours, their pay and their recreation should be arranged to their best interests and with their acquiescence.

This done, and the proper attention given to exports, we would shortly find a better situation in America.

After all that has happened during the past five or six years, most of us can be convinced of anything.

The Rio Grande is drying up, probably because it figures "what's the use?"

Congress brews the laws but the supreme court puts the kick in them.

What the small town will do for a comedian is one of the problems prohibition brought with it.

Little Interviews.

Declares Street Car Service In El Paso Shows Improvement Disagrees With Soldier That Longres Was Taken By Germans

THE street car service of El Paso seems to have been greatly improved while it has been out on a business trip, said Vincent H. Thompson, who has been in the city for several days. Thompson, who is a member of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, said he had been riding on the street cars and had noticed the improvement in the service. He said that he had been riding on the street cars and had noticed the improvement in the service. He said that he had been riding on the street cars and had noticed the improvement in the service.

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SCHOOL DAYS

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By DWIG



The Young Lady Across The Way



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Is there any limit to the number of members that may sit in the house of lords of the British parliament?—E. W.

A. There is no limit to the creation of peers, except the will of the sovereign. The house of lords is an ever-increasing body which consists at the present time of about 400 members. The average attendance of whom during the comparatively brief sitting is less than fifty. This number, however, is considerably increased in any party emergency.

Q. How many deaths result annually from automobile accidents?—J. A. H.

A. The census bureau says that in 1919, the latest figures available, there were a total of 3525 deaths from automobile accidents in the United States.

Q. Why is Persia sometimes referred to as the land of roses and nightingales?—E. W.

A. Persia is a natural habitat for the nightingale, and these songsters are very abundant there. For many centuries the Persian perfume has been considered among the best on the market. These are largely made from the juice of rose petals. The cultivation of roses for commercial purposes is quite general there.

Q. How many Indians were in the service during the war?—N. C.

A. The United States Indian commissioner says that about 10,000 Indian men participated in the war.

Q. When did the present emperor of Japan come to the throne?—L. H.

A. The present emperor, the great ruler of Japan, succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, August 29, 1912.

Q. Are ex-convicts given priority in obtaining public lands?—G. C. L.

A. A joint resolution was recently passed by congress giving preference in obtaining public lands under the homestead act.

Q. How long was each of the three air machines in the air in the navy trans-Atlantic flight?—Y. E. P.

A. The NC-4, the plane which made the entire trip across the Atlantic, was in the air 53 hours and 30 minutes. The NC-1 was in flight 20 hours and 14 minutes, while the NC-2 was in the air 32 hours and two minutes.

Q. Has the soviet government of Russia repudiated the debts of the former government?—L. C. S.

A. The present Russian government has repudiated the debts of the government of the czar.

Q. Who was Omar Khayyam?—K. S. S.

A. He was a Persian poet and astronomer, who died in 1122. His philosophy, expressed chiefly through his book of poems, the Rubaiyat, became popular several decades ago, and is still widely studied.

Q. Is there a federal tax on inheritance?—W. D. P.

A. There is no federal tax on inheritance up to \$10,000. The income or interest earned by inheritance, however, is subject to income tax and must be included in the income tax return.

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Personette

HELEN GRIFFITH did her bit during the war by plumbing. She is the only woman plumber who went with the A. E. F., and she says she enjoyed it immensely. She doesn't like to be called a plumber. Not because she feels the title beneath her, but because she feels it unworthy of her. For to Helen Griffith the word does not call up the image of a dirty and overworked man who spends long hours under the kitchen sink doing vague and noisy things to the pipes. Rather it stands for a dignified and high class profession which few are able to follow as intelligently as it should be followed.

"No, you mustn't call me a plumber," she says. "I am really only a plumber's helper. Although I was classed as a plumber and did the work of our group in France. Why, I takes years and years of study to be a real plumber. Plumbing is a science. A man has to work and study for a very long time, and then pass a state examination and get a license before he has a right to call himself a plumber."

"What do you think of it as a profession for the so-called gentler sex?" she was asked.

"It is a very good calling for women to take up," she answered. "Of course, they can't do the heaviest

Patter And Chatter



The Millionaire's Lament.

WHEN, by George, at last I've got it! I'm a millionaire, and all that! It was drive' hard that brought it— Easy street is open to me! Won't the folks be filled with wonder? When I'm behind that knee in the little flat back yard!

THEY, how hard I've worked and worried! I've been in some nasty places; There's a lot of houses I've buried. But I've struggled on by inches. I have done some double-deuts! When I found that it would pay me, But they never caught me stealing, Which is some distinction, Hamie.

YOU and I have seen some weather! That was lucky for from pleasure. But we've plodded through together, And are sheltered well at present. I have learned the art of getting! All the profits that are due— can now rest easy, letting! Others come and hand it to me.

AINT it grand to think we'll never! I have no troubles now to haunt me! We're not through with that forever, And have comforts all around us! Only they're so busy keeping! By the latest news, don't let 'em! That there ain't no way of keepin' Your sweet pleasures when you've got 'em!



THE APPEX OF EMINENCE.

When a pompous person permits his chest to bulge and says, "You don't seem to know who I am!" he considers it your own fault if you haven't found out that he is as prominent as Fatty Arbuckle or as famous as "Duke" Ruth.

NAMES WILL BE PERNISHED ON DEMAND.

One trouble with too many people is that it takes so little to make them believe in themselves.

KEEP SMILING.

The days are growing longer and the sun is coming nearer; The way to spring is daily made a little shorter, clearer; Why be comfortless, believing things are going to perdition? Let's be hopeful still and happy—with the Janitor's permission.

INKINGS AND THINKINGS.

Nursery rhymes revised: "This little blind piggy went to the station house."

HOW TO PLAY STUD POKER.

Spooking of "invaluable empirics." King Alcohol's is one.

Ventriloquist's note: Many a candidate can throw his hat in the ring and still talk through it.

Oysters are now proclaimed a luxury. They never were a necessity—even in an oyster stew.

Great thing about this dry era is that a man can slip on his doorstep without having the neighbors wink one at another.

Stockings to go higher—headline.

HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1920

ASTROLOGERS read this as a most ill-omened day for Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn and the Sun are all in malefic aspects.

It is a day in which to pursue even routine affairs with caution, for the stars during this configuration seem to bear out the ancient superstition concerning the day and date.

Who held a more disastrous rule for whatever concerns agreements or contracts of any sort.

Unfavorable influences making for misadventure, reversals and disappointments. During this day.

There is a sign read as foreboding the sudden shrinkage of values in certain securities and the spread of fear regarding financial matters.

The Sun seems to preface failure of attainment to men of affairs and ambition. This is read as affecting the choice of candidates.

Again, the stars give warning against the harboring of any hope or discouraging thoughts, for it is imperative at this time that men should extend their power to political circumstances.

They who foresee events in the position of the stars should be to mark the next five years will constitute the best hour of a higher civilization than the rest.

Traveling is today under a threatening direction and accidents, especially to automobiles, seem to be indicated.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have rather a strenuous year, but may have a very successful one by the exercise of caution and foresight.

Children born on this day may be proud, energetic and self-willed. These subjects of Aquarius should show in choosing their life companions.

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AND HE DID

I'LL FIND OUT HOW THIS HAND GRENADE WORKS!



Kabibble Kabaret

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DEAR MR KABBIBBLE 350 MEN HAVE PROPOSED TO ME—WHAT SHALL I DO?

WEE BROWN

MOVE TO A LARGER CITY!

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